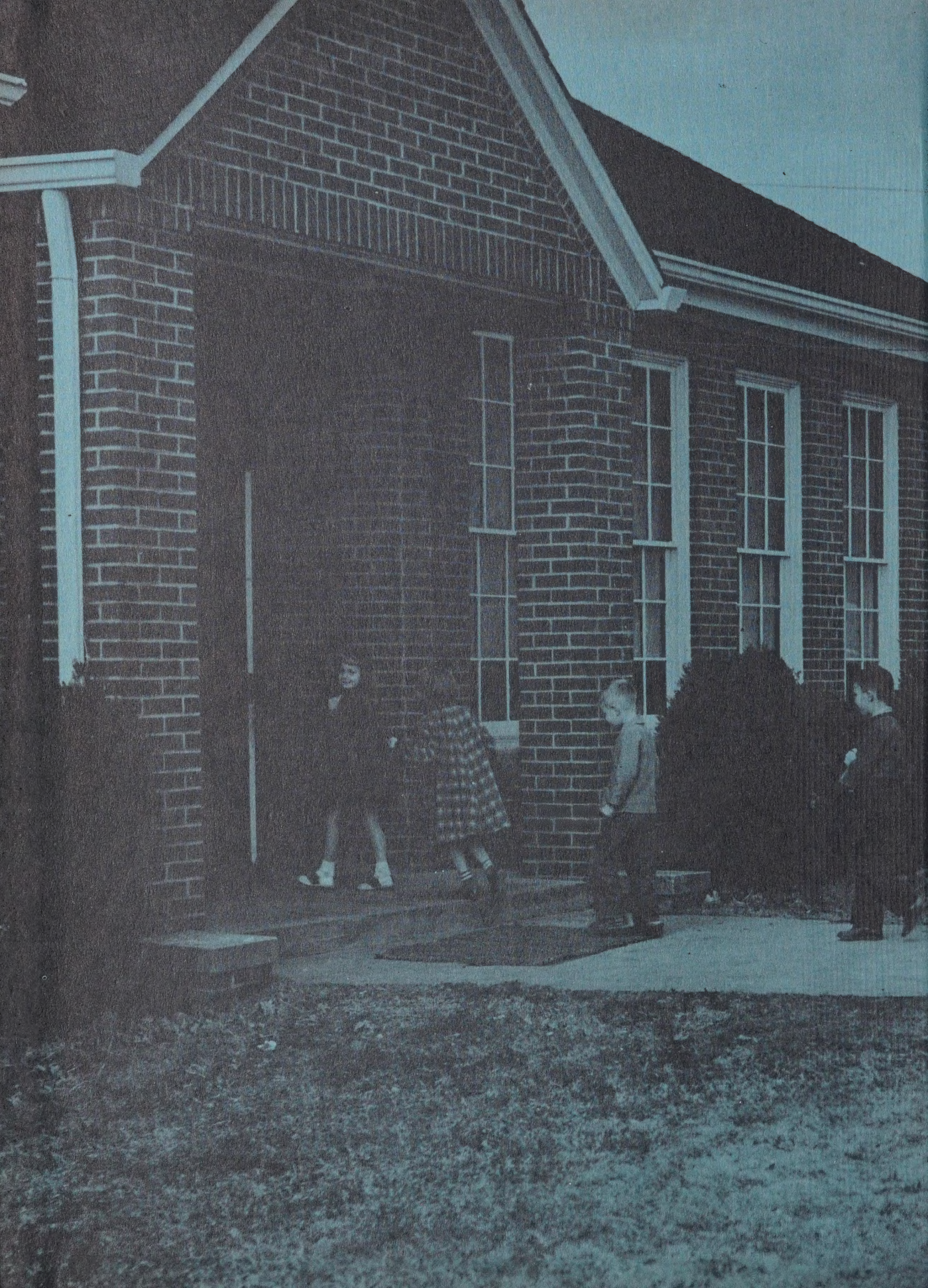


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THE ROSPHIAN







The Rospian Staff
And
The Senior Class Of
ROCK SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
Denver, North Carolina

proudly present...



THE 1956

EDITION EIGHT

ANNE HAGER
Editor-in-Chief

JEAN ABERNATHY
Assistant Editor

SCHOOL COLORS

Black and Gold

ALMA MATER

We've got the finest school

That's in the land;

We'll set our goal

And there we'll take a stand

To put old Rock Springs

On the top, top, top;

We'll do this and

We'll never stop, stop, stop.

So fight, fight, fight, fight

All the time;

And soon the whole wide world

Will quickly find

We'll stand

For work, play, fun, pep;

Zip-boom-bah! zip-boom-bah!

Rah! rah! rah!

ROSPHIAN

FOREWORD

When you turn the pages of this book in future days, we hope it will help you to remember and love Rock Springs School.

You will recall the buildings and the surroundings. However, we are most interested in helping you to keep a fresher and more vivid memory of the people that make up the school.

We take great pleasure in presenting the Rospian of 1956.

Dedication

MR. CHARLES N. CLARK



To a stern
and sturdy leader
though softly
doth he chide

A companion of
the students
and teachers

Friendly
Unselfish
Understanding

A man
A friend
A guide



Many problems have taken place in our lives since, we, the seniors entered school twelve years ago. Through the sufficient guidance of our principals and teachers, we have been able to overcome the many difficulties.

They not only have shared our problems, but have shared our many happy moments. We want to thank the principals and teachers for their patience and kind understanding.



Adminstration

SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Henry C. Barkley, Chairman

Mr. North W. Jones, Secretary

Mr. Earl Jones



PRINCIPAL

MR. CHARLES N. CLARK

MRS. ESTELLE SIGMON
Commercial

MRS. MARTHA BAKER
English

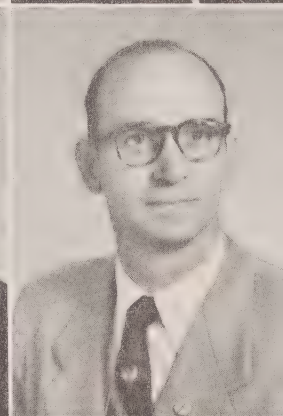
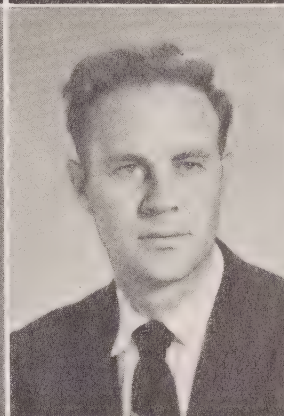
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Chemistry, History



MISS MABLE HAMRICK
Home Economics

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Spanish, Coach

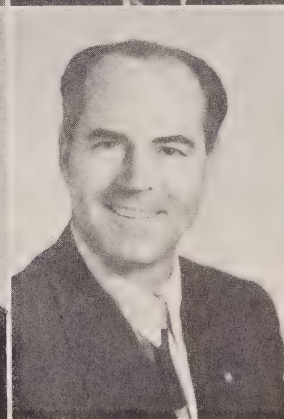
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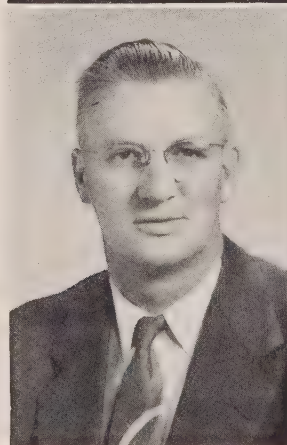
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English



MR. JAMES NIXON
Eighth Grade, Health

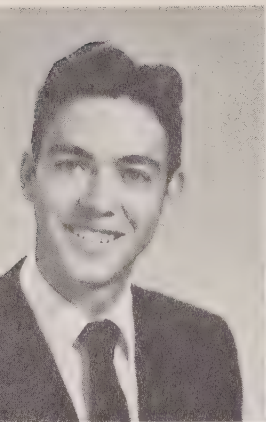
MR. CHARLES HOOPER
Band

MRS. ESSIE CRAIG
Music



Faculty

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MR. CLARENCE HOYLE
Seventh, Eighth Grades



MR. ROY WATERS
Seventh Grade



MRS. NAOMI WATERS
Sixth Grade



MRS. AUTHELIA SIGMON
Fifth, Sixth Grades



MRS. DORIS CALDWELL
Fourth, Fifth Grades



MRS. FRANCES DELLINGER
Fourth Grade



MRS. VIRGINIA DELLINGER
Third Grade



MRS. JANIE KILLIAN
Second, Third Grades



MRS. ILA ABERNETHY
Second Grade



MRS. MAUD HOVIS
First Grade



MISS MARY DOVE
First Grade



As one enters the first grade, he is not conscious of the many steps of education.

He first begins to learn to read and write. As the years go by, more subjects are studied.

Eventually, he reaches high school where one begins to get a deeper meaning of education.

In the twelfth year of school, he looks backward to the first grade pupils who will travel the same road as he. He hopes they will attain the senior year with more knowledge and inspiration. So he launches out into post-graduation.



Classes



SENIOR OFFICERS

Shelby Lineberger Treasurer

Jerry Barkley Secretary

Elliott Potts President

Nellie Wilkinson Vice President

CLASS SONG

(To the tune of Sweet Afton)

We part from thee, Rock Springs! the school of our youth,
We part from our classmates and teachers we love;
They quickened our faith and our love for the truth,
And always we'll remember our school so fine.

We shall ever admire you as this moment we do,
These twelve years of school have been well worth our time;
As we leave you this year, we will all be so blue,
And to our dear old Rock Springs we'll ever be true.

When worries and cares that the future may hold,
Bring sorrows of age and regret to our brow,
We'll come back in remembrance to dear old Rock Springs;
So good-bye to you all, we're leaving you now.

--Jane Reep

CLASS MOTTO

"Not finished, just begun."

CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

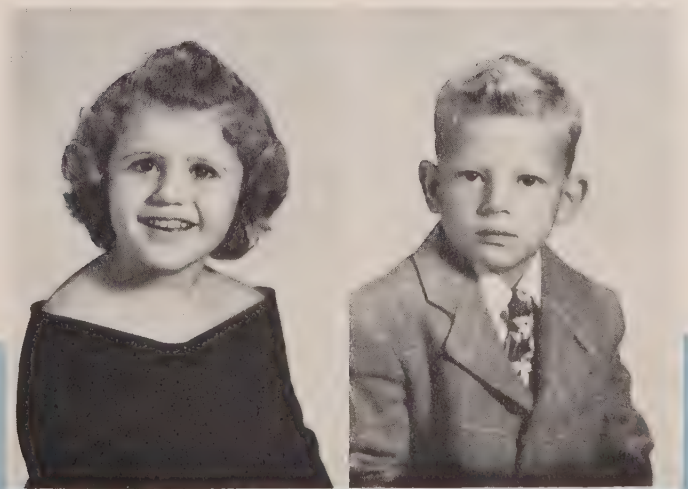
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Chrysanthemum

MASCOTS

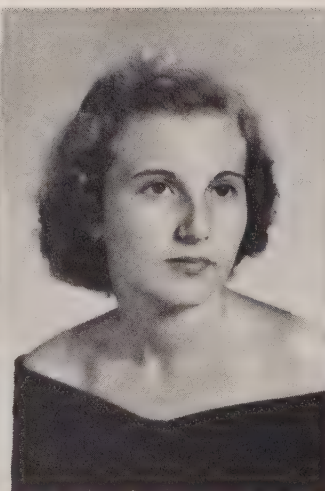
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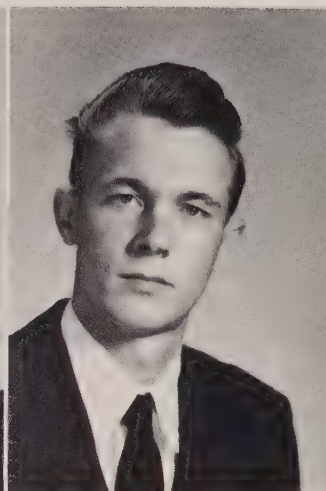




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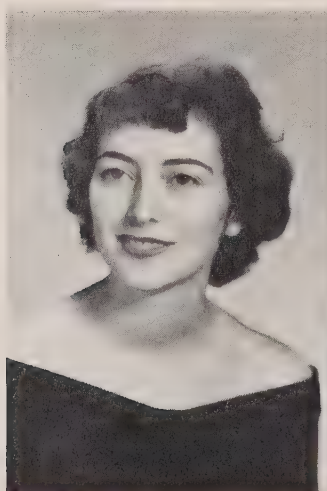
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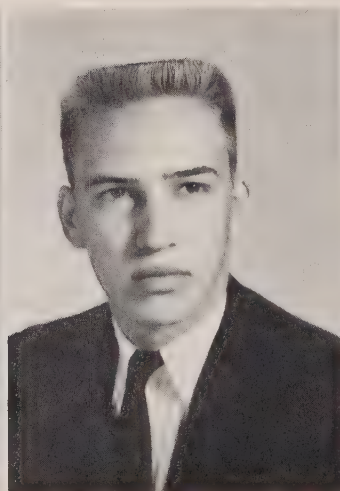
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Seniors

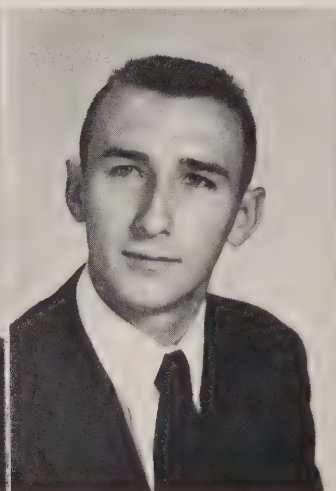
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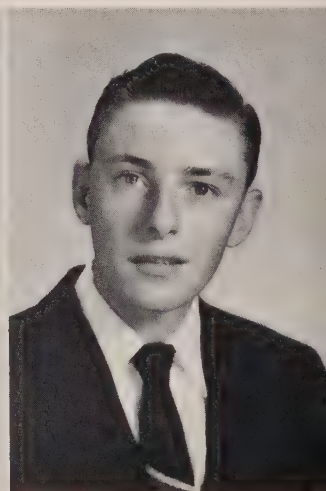
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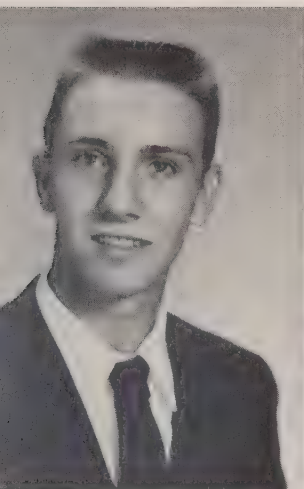


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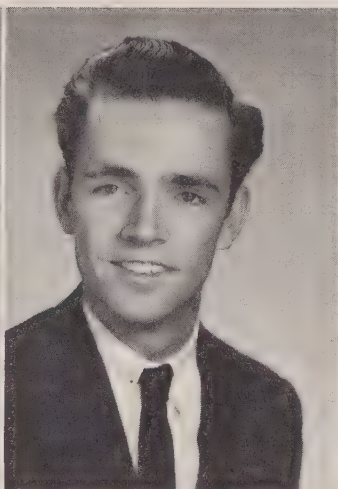


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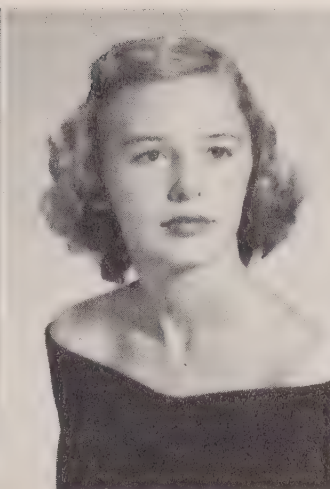




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JOHNNY GALLAGHER



BILLIE MAE GRICE



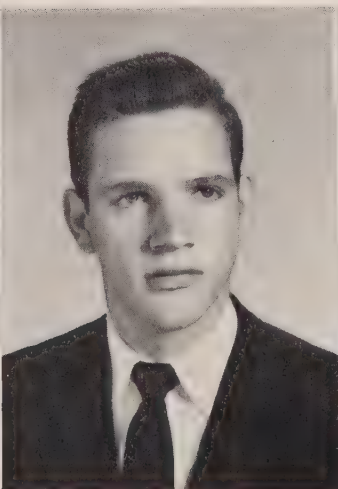
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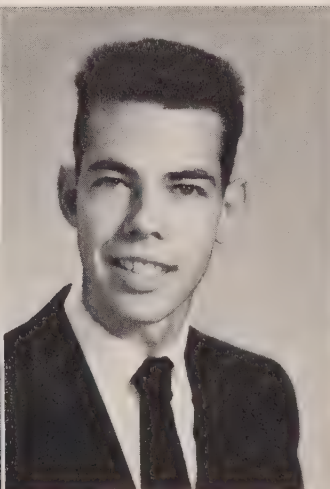
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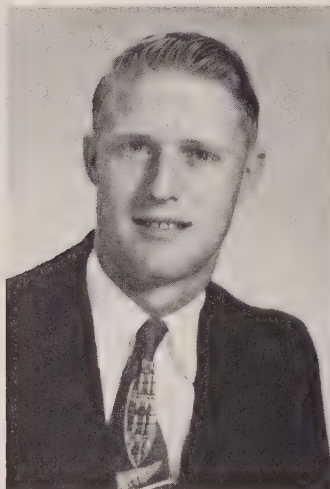


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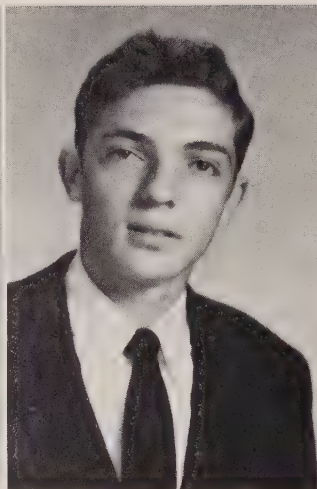


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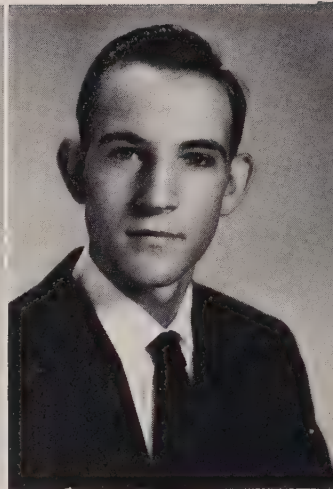




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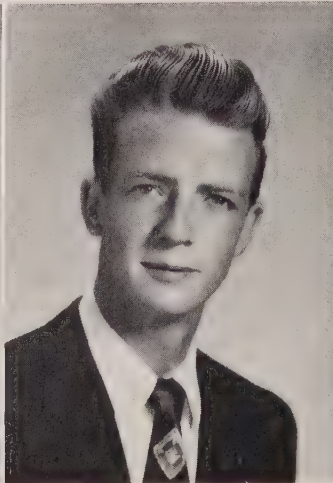
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Seniors

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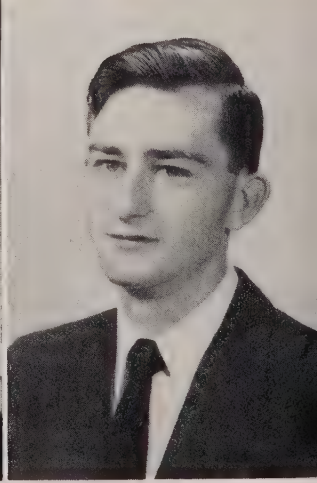
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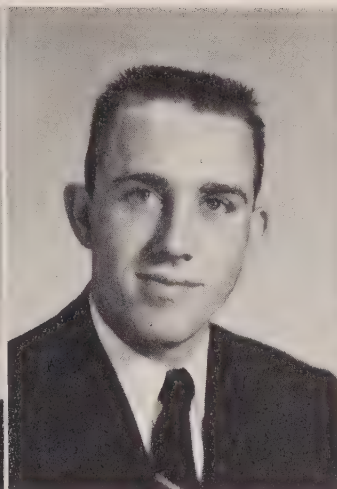


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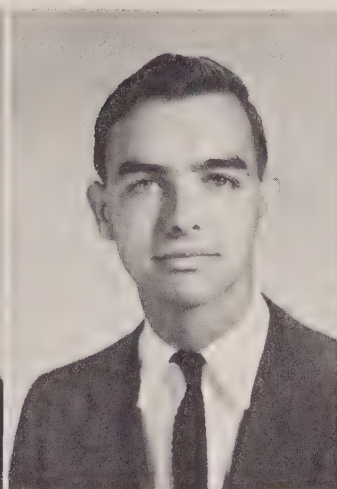




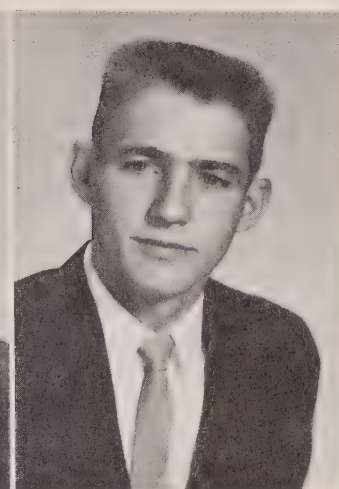
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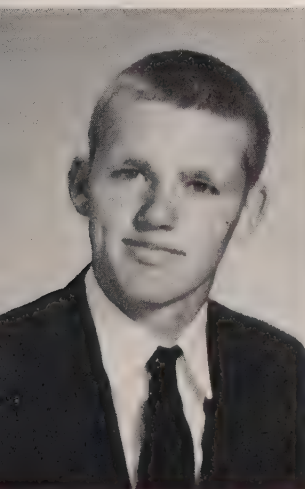


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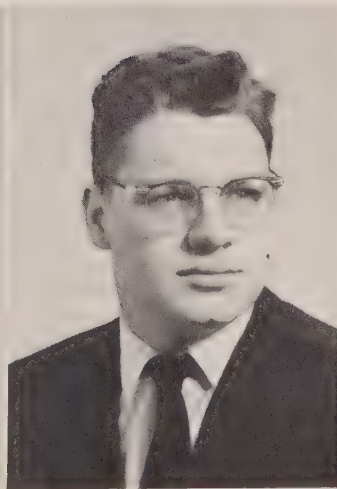
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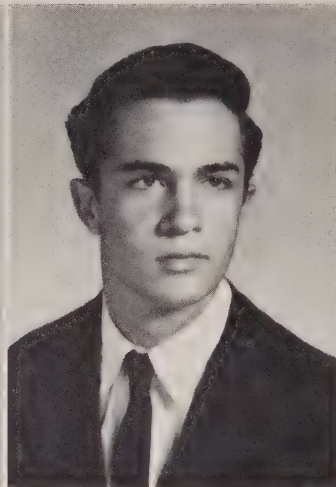
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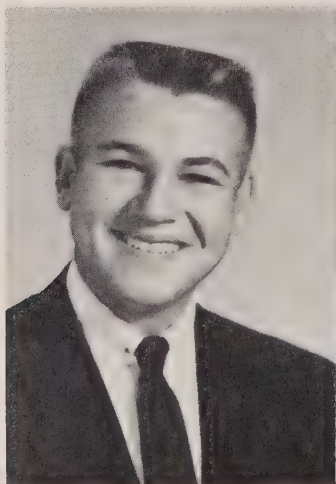
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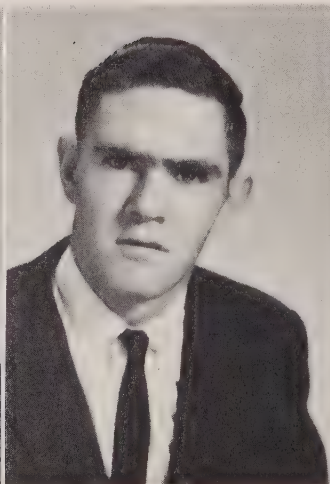
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Seniors '56

JIMMY SIFFORD



RALPH SIFFORD



MACIE VARNER



NELLIE WILKINSON



SENIOR DIRECTORY

MARILYN JEAN ABERNATHY

October 7, 1938

Beta Club 2,3,4; Recreation Chairman 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Chief Cheerleader 4; Class Reporter 1; Dramatics Club 1; F.H.A. 1,2,3; Historian 2; Reporter 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; H Club Week Delegate 2; Secretary 3; Journalism Club 1; Junior Play Student Director 3; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Office Staff 4; Piano 1,2; Ripple Staff 1,4; Roshpian Assistant Editor 4; Student Council 1,2,3,4.

SHIRLEY MARCENE ABERNETHY

October 26, 1937

Basketball 4; Class Vice President 1; Father-Son Waitress 2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 3; President 4; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Junior-Senior Banquet Chairman 3; Junior Play Cast 3; Library Staff 1; Marshall 3; Roshpian Senior Class Editor 4; Student Council 1, 2,4; President 4.

LARRY WILSON BALLARD

September 25, 1937

Bus Driver Sub 3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3; Driver Education 4; 4-H Club 1,2; Marshall 3.

MARGARET JOANNE BARBER

May 22, 1938

Glee Club 4; 4-H Club 1,4; Junior Play Usher 3; Library Staff 3; Ripple Staff 4.

JERRY THOMAS BARKLEY

February 10, 1938

Baseball 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Co-Captain 4; Class President 1; Class Treasurer 3; Class Secretary 4; Fall Festival King 4; Glee Club 1,2; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Reporter 4; Junior Play Cast 3; Junior-Senior Waiter 2; Marshall 3; Ripple Staff 4; Roshpian Sports Editor 4; Student Council 3.

FREDDIE LONG DELLINGER

April 11, 1938

Baseball 4; Bus Driver 4; Driver Education 4; F.F.A. 1,2; 4-H Club 1,2; Junior-Senior Waiter 2.

JERRY KEMP DELLINGER

July 28, 1938

Baseball 4; Basketball 4; Bus Driver 3; Bus Driver Sub 4; Driver Education 4; 4-H Club 1,2.

RAMSON CONWAY DELLINGER

February 25, 1938

Baseball 4; Basketball 4; Bus Driver 3,4; F.F.A. 1,2; 4-H Club 1,2,4; Junior Play Usher 3.

JOHN FRANCIS GALLAGHER

April 2, 1937

Boy's Basketball Manager 3; Class President 2; Glee Club 1,2; Junior Play Cast 3; 4-H Club 1,2,3; Marshall Chief 3; Roshpian Circulation Manager 4.

BILLIE MAE GRICE

May 30, 1938

Glee Club 4; 4-H Club 1,4; Junior Play Prompter 3; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Library Staff 3; Ripple Staff 4; Roshpian Elementary Class Editor 4.

JOHN DAVID GRICE

July 2, 1938

Band 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1,2; Junior-Senior Waiter 2; Piano 1.

FRANCES ANNE HAGER

March 26, 1938

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Co-Captain 4; Beta Club 3,4; Vice President 4; District Vice President 4; Dramatics Club 1; Driver Education 3; F.H.A. 1,2,3; Treasurer 2; Secretary 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Journalism Club 1; Junior Play Cast 3; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Marshall Chief 3; Miss Rock Springs 4; Office Staff 4; Ripple Staff 1, 4; Roshpian Editor-In-Chief 4; Student Council 3,4; Secretary 3; Vice President 4.

ROLAND WILLIAM HAGER

March 21, 1938

Bus Driver Sub 3,4; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1,2; Ripple Staff Editor 4.

SIMON BROWN HAGER

August 24, 1938

Band 2,3,4; Bus Driver 4; Glee Club 4; 4-H Club 2,4; Junior Play Cast 3.

ROBERT DANIEL HOWE

October 16, 1936

Bus Driver 1,2,3,4; Class President 3.

JIMMY EARL KEEVER

July 13, 1938

Bus Driver Sub 3,4; Driver Education 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3.

RICHARD LEE KEEVER

August 7, 1938

Bus Driver 3,4; Class Vice President 3; F.F.A. 1,2,3, 4; Vice President 1; President 2; Vice President 3; President 4; 4-H Club 4; Junior-Senior Waiter 2; Student Council 4.

SHELBY JEAN LINEBERGER

November 26, 1938

Beta Club 3, 4; Secretary 4; Class Secretary 3; Class Treasurer 4; Driver Education 4; Father-Son Waitress 2,3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Vice President 4; Gregg Writers Club 3, 4; Journalism Club 1, 2; Junior Play Cast 3; Office Staff 3, 4; Roshpian Feature Editor 4; Student Council 2,4.

CLARENCE AUDREY LITTLE

February 25, 1937

Band 3,4; Bus Driver 1,2,3,4; Driver Education 4; Glee Club 2; 4-H Club 3,4; Junior-Senior Waiter 2.

LORETTA JANE LITTLE

June 8, 1938

Band 2; Basketball 2,3; Beta Club 2,3,4; Program Chairman 3; Cheerleader 1; Dramatics Club 1; F.F.A. Queen 2; F.H.A. 1,2,3; Parliamentarian 1,2; Vice President 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1,2; Junior Play Cast 3; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Library Staff 3; Marshall 3; Office Staff 2; Piano 1, 2, 3; Ripple Staff 1; Roshpian Photograph Editor 4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 2.

HERBERT LEE LOFTIN

April 4, 1935

Baseball 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3; Bus Driver 2,3; Bus Driver Sub 1,4; Driver Education 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4.

DONNIE CHRISTINE NIXON

February 14, 1938

Basketball 4; Dramatics Club 1; Glee Club 1; Father-Son Waitress 3; F.H.A. 1,2,4; 4-H Club 1,4; Journalism Club 2; Junior Play Prompter 3; Library Staff 4; Office Staff 3; Ripple Staff 4.

THOMAS ELLIOTT POTTS

July 28, 1937

Band 3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Co-Captain 4; Bus Driver 2,3,4; Class Secretary 1; Class President 4; Driver Education 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3; President 1; 4-H Club 3,4; Vice President 4; Junior Play Usher 3.

PARMER FRED RAINWATER

September 8, 1937

Baseball 3,4; Basketball 1,3,4; Driver Education 4; F. F. A. 1; 4-H Club 4; Secretary 4; Junior Play Cast 3; Junior-Senior Waiter 2; Ripple Staff 4.

DAN RUFUS REEL, JR.

August 22, 1938

Bus Driver Sub 4; Class Vice President 2; Driver Education 4; Glee Club 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3; Reporter 1; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4.

JERRY WILSON REEL

February 4, 1938

Driver Education 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3; Treasurer 2,3; 4-H Club 3,4.

CAROLYN JANE REEP

May 3, 1938

Band 2, 3; Class Song Leader 2; Father-Son Waitress 3,4; F. H. A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,3,4; 4-H Club 1,3,4; Junior Play Cast 3; Library Staff 3.

HEATH FRANKLIN REINHARDT

March 7, 1939

Band 2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3,4; 4-H Club 3,4; Journalism Club 2; Junior Play Cast 3; Library Staff 2; Piano 2,3; Ripple Staff 4; Roshpian Business Manager 4.

JANE ARDEN ROBINETTE

January 13, 1938

Basketball 4; 4-H Club 4; Junior Play Cast 3; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Library Staff 3; Office Staff

JOSEPH HOKE RUDISILL

October 4, 1937

Driver Education 4; F.F.A. 1,2; 4-H Club 1,4; Junior-Senior Waiter 2; Score Keeper 2,3,4.

JENNIE COLENE SHUFORD

August 19, 1938

Dramatics Club 1; F.H.A. 1,2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1,2,4; Library Staff 3; Piano 1,3.

JAMES COLIN SIFFORD

August 20, 1938

Band 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 3,4; Activity Bus Driver 3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Junior Play Usher 3; Junior-Senior Waiter 2; Ripple Staff 4.

RALPH ZIGLAR SIFFORD

August 2, 1937

Baseball 3, 4; Driver Education 4; F. F. A. 1,2,3; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4.

MACIE CAROLINE VARNER

September 7, 1938

Father-Son Waitress 2,3,4; F.H.A. 2,3,4; Glee Club 1, 2; Gregg Writers Club 3, 4; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Junior Play Usher 3; Office Staff 4.

NELLIE NAOMI WILKINSON

October 28, 1937

Class Vice President 4; Driver Education 4; Father-Son Waitress 2,3; Glee Club 1,2,4; Gregg Writers Club 3,4; 4-H Club 1,2,3; Junior Play Usher 3; Library Staff 3; Office Staff 3.



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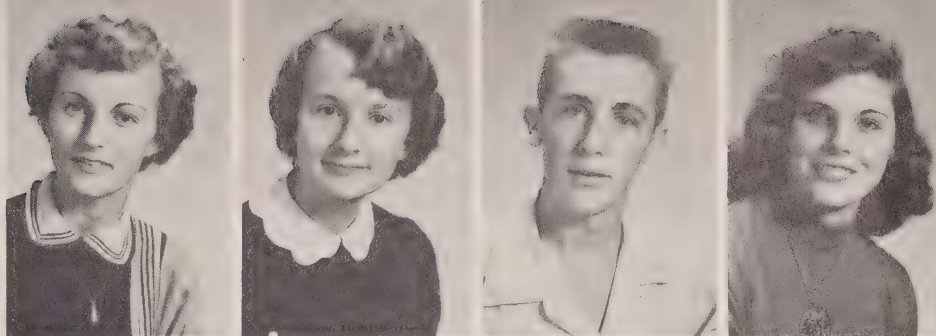
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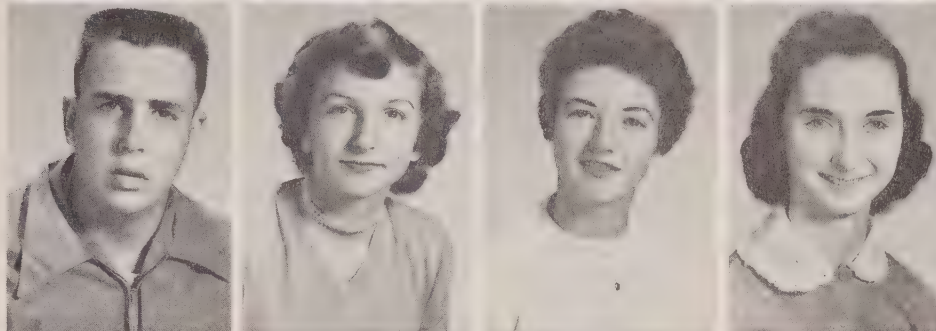
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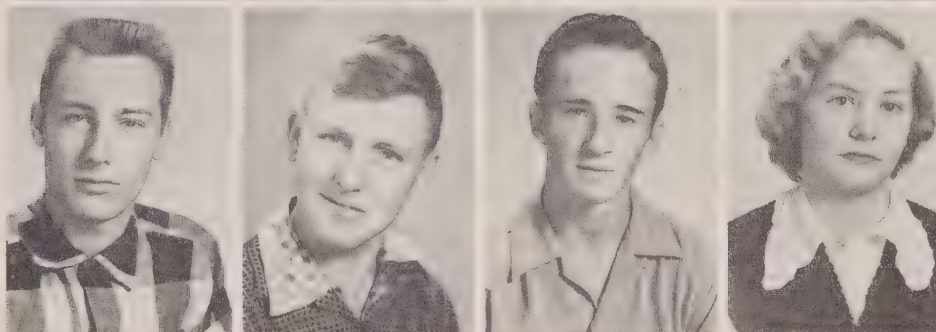
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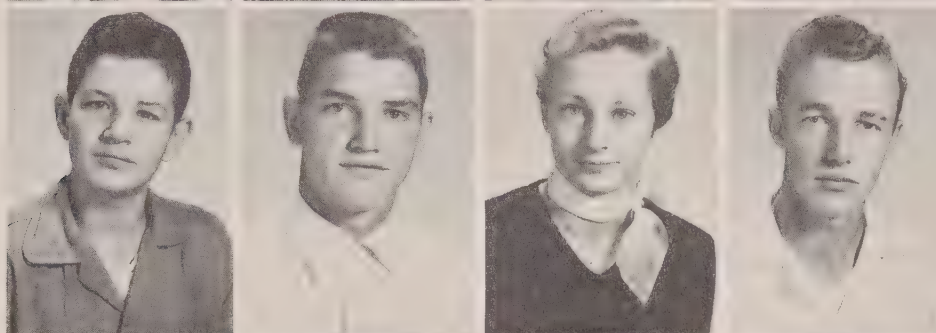
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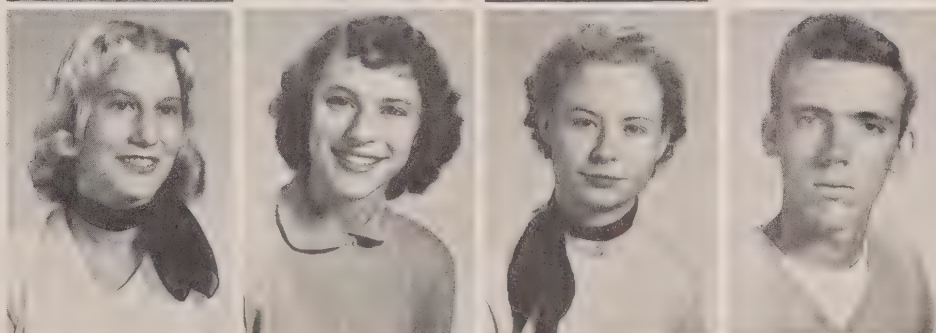
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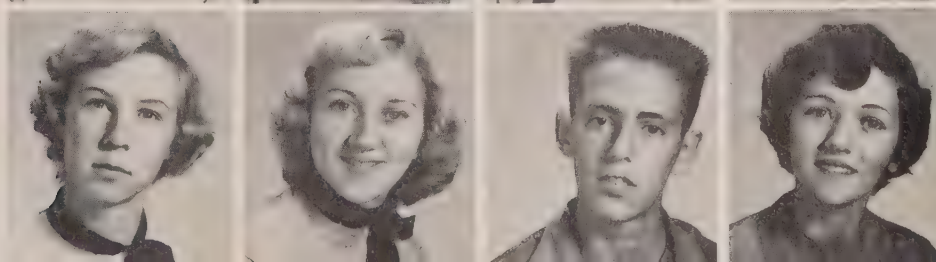
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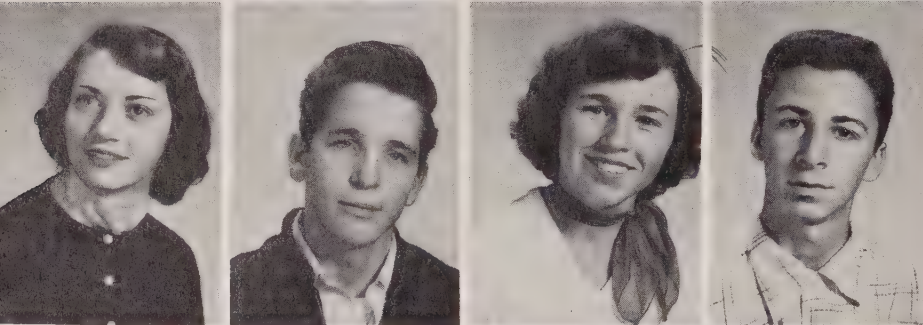
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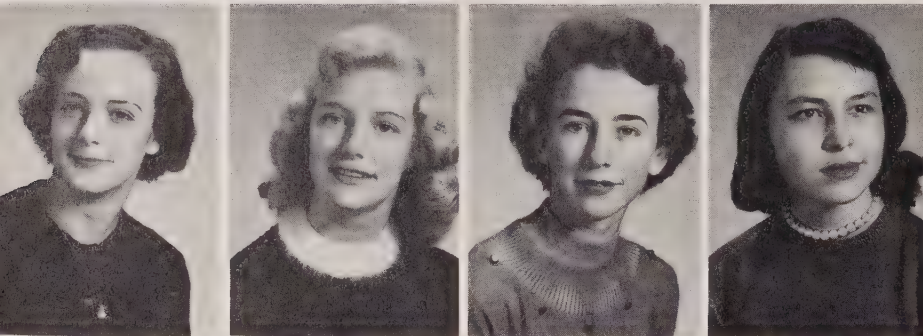
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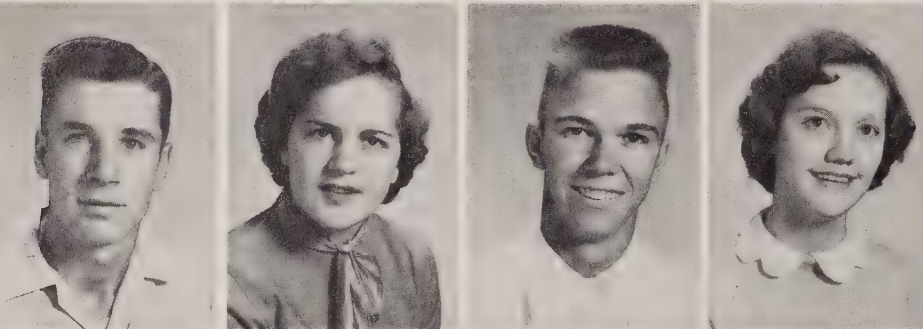
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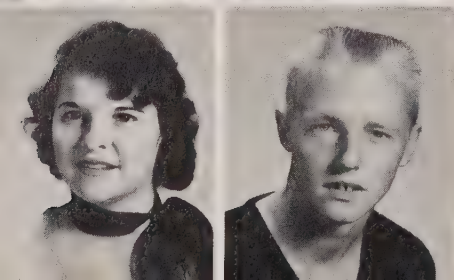
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Donald Sherrill
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Emily Hager Treasurer

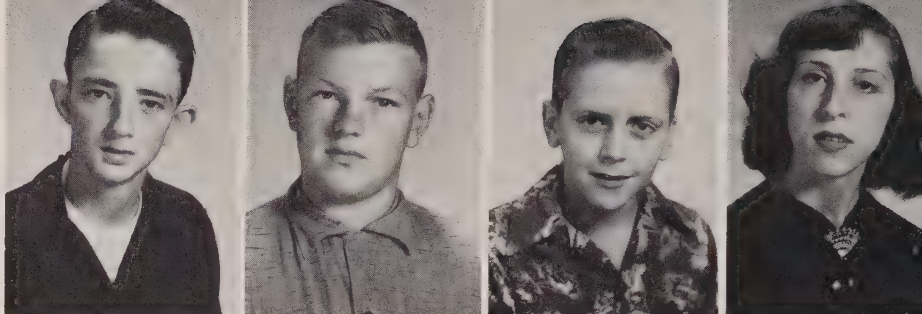
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Daniel Dellinger President

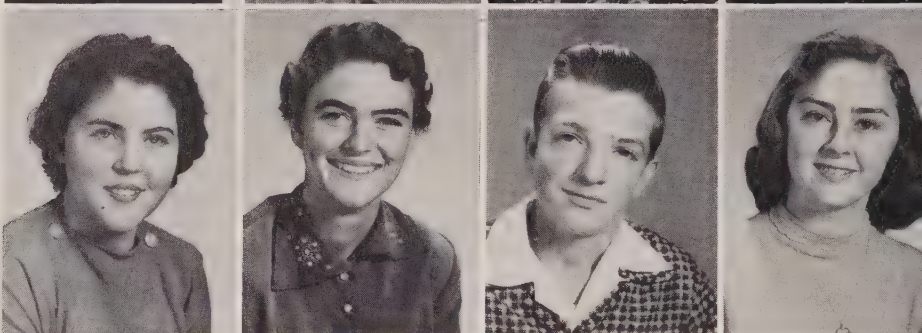
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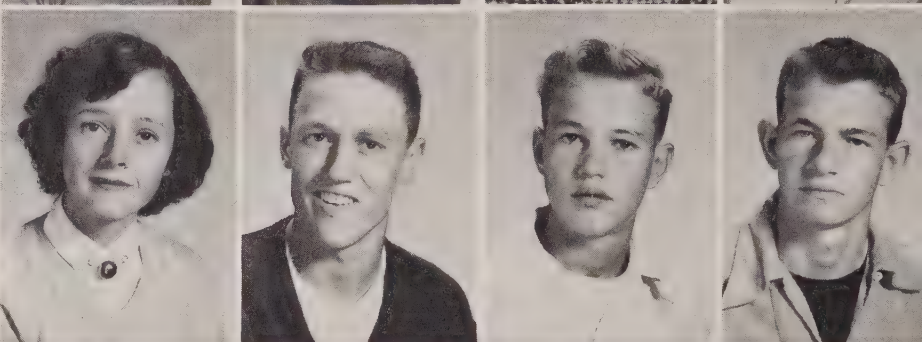
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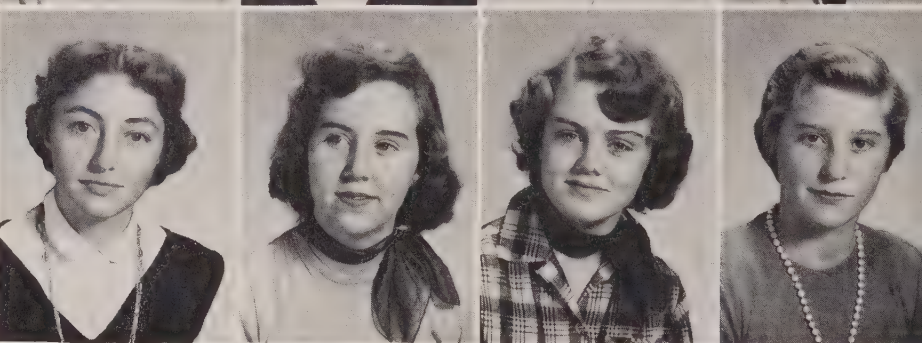
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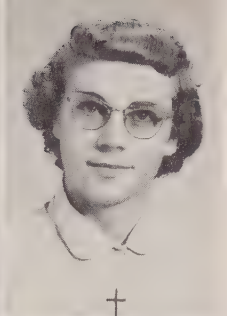
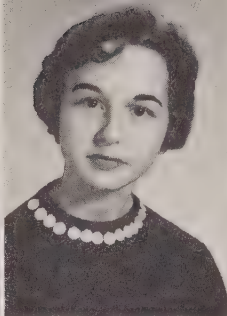
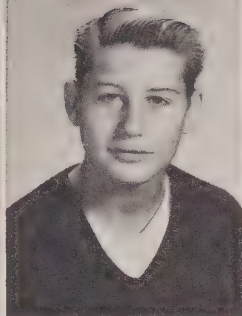
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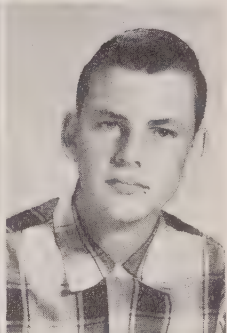
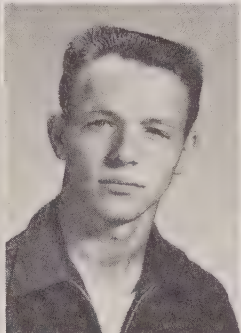
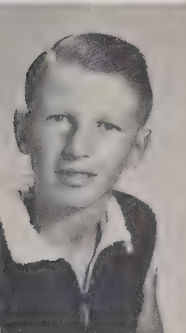
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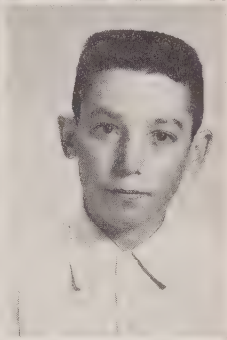
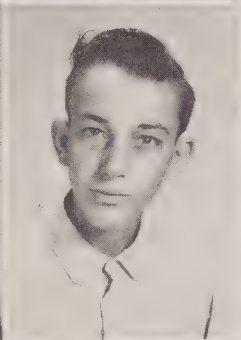
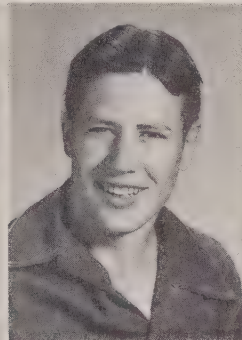
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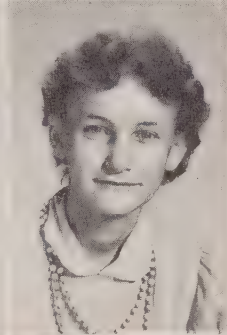
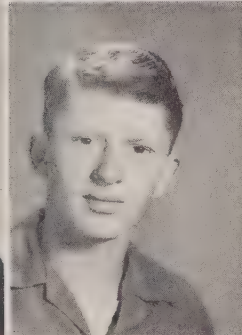
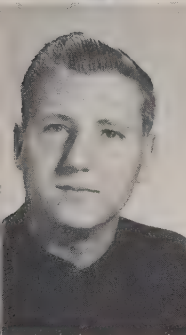
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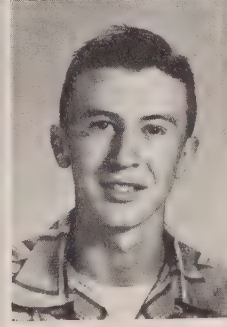
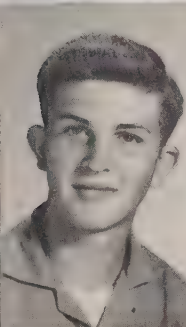
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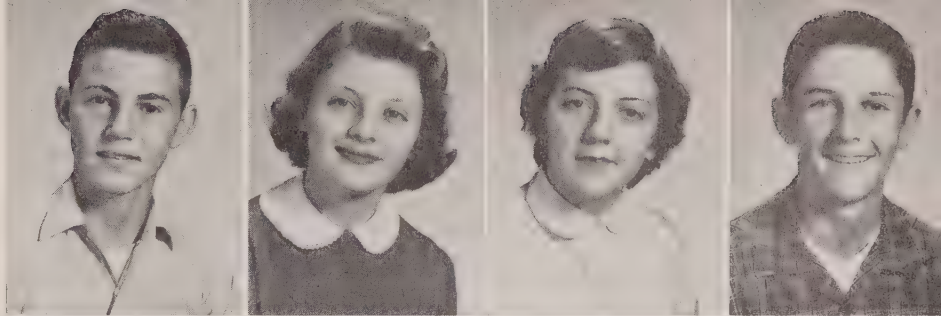
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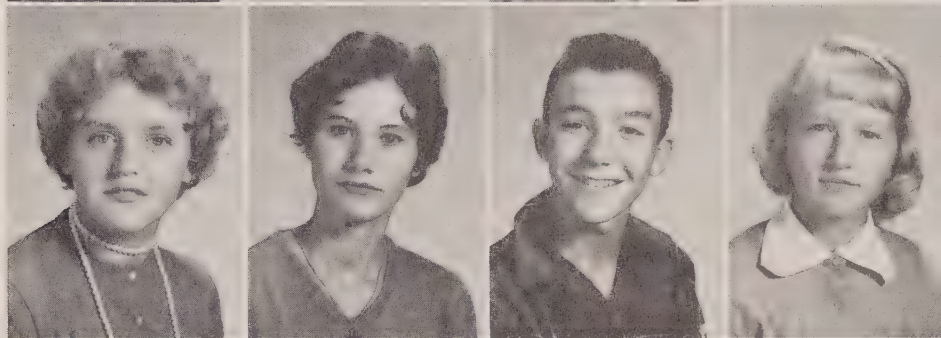
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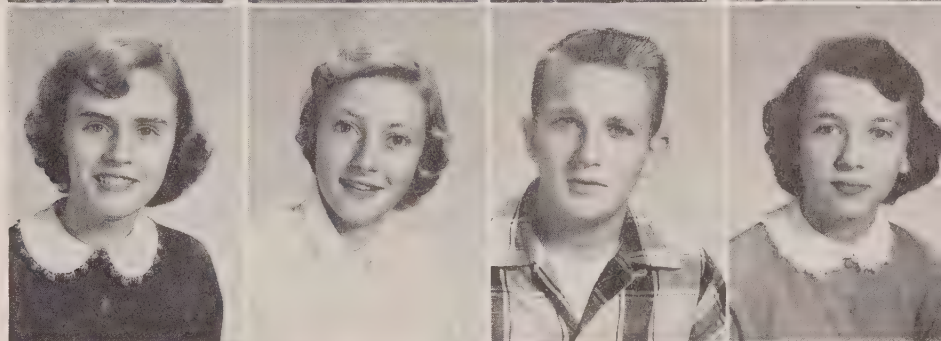
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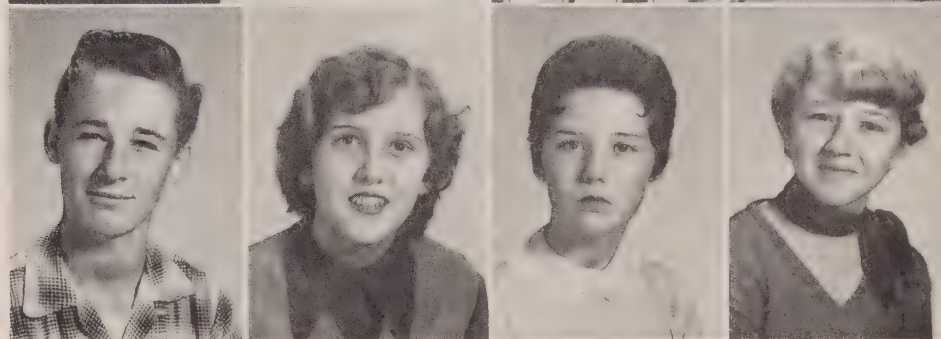
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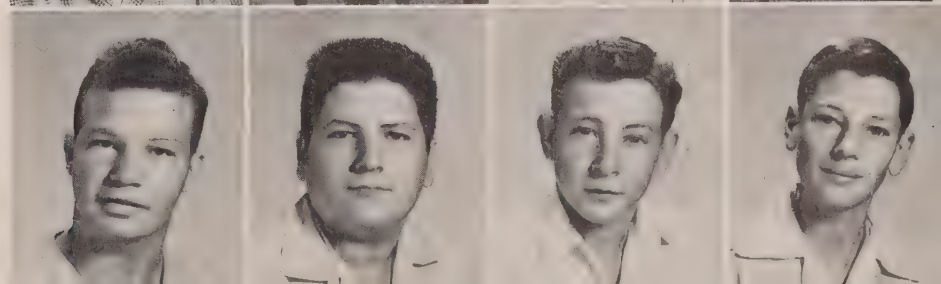
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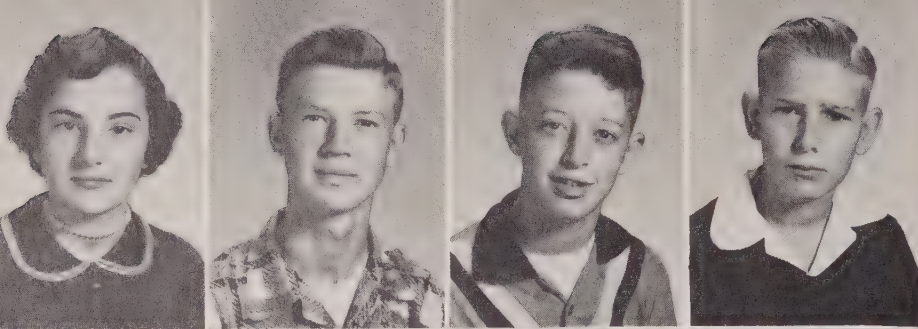
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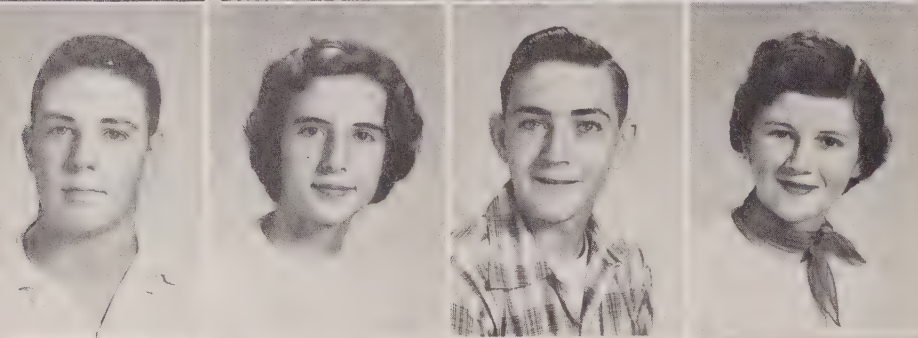
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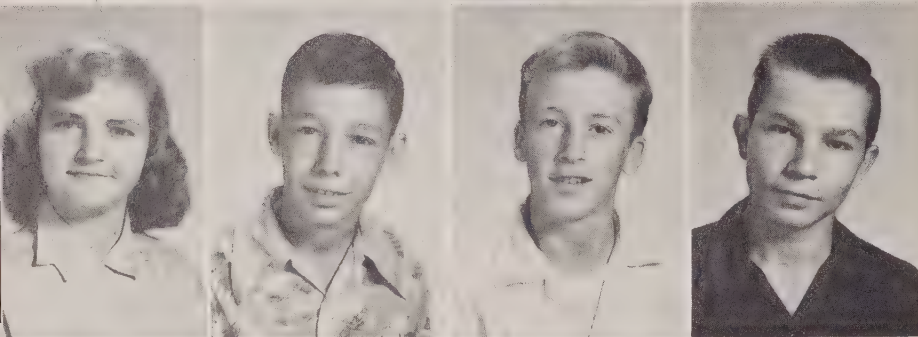
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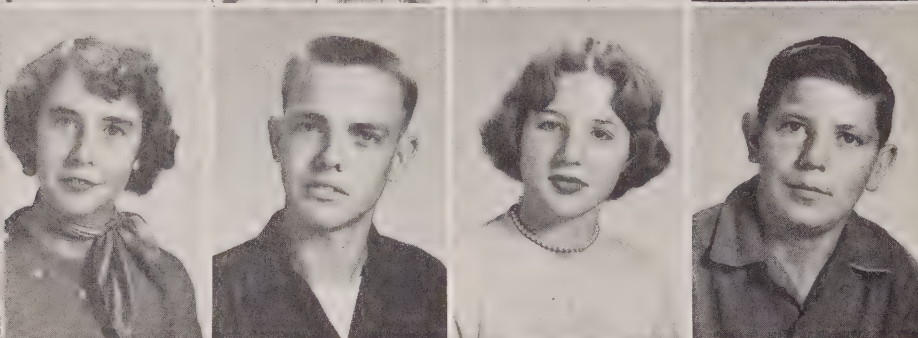
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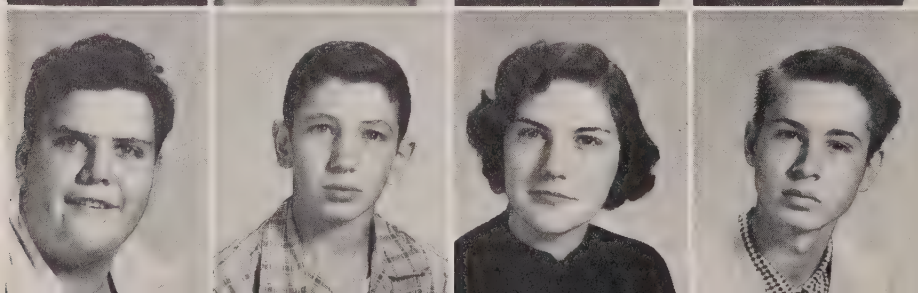
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EIGHTH GRADE

First Row

Charles Ballard
Martha Ballard
Wayne Ballard
Carolyn Barkley

Second Row

Ellis Brotherton
Alice Burgess
Gailya Callaway
Glenn Callaway

Third Row

Bernice Cash
Barbara Christopher
Tommy Dellinger
Elizabeth Elder
Janice Goodson

Fourth Row

Lena Hager
Winfred Hicks
Mary Ruth Hoke
Peggy Huss
Wanda Jones

Fifth Row

Luther Killian
Patsy Lineberger
Sherman Lineberger
Derry Little
Joy Little

Sixth Row

Loy Little
Barbara Loftin
Steve Mathis
Trena Moring
Catherine Nixon

Seventh Row

Gwen Nixon
Brenda Perkins
Bobby Perkins
J. C. Perkins
Jimmy Perkins

Eighth Row

Kermit Perkins
Roy Rainwater
Sylvia Reel
Minnie Rhine
Floyd Saunders

Ninth Row

Calvin Sherrill
Karen Sherrill
Larry Sherrill
Ruth Smith
Judith Story

Tenth Row

Elaine Walkup
Barbara Warlick
Coyte Watts
Alvin Wilkinson
Nell Wilkinson



SEVENTH GRADE

First Row

Judy Ballard
G. B. Ballard
Page Ballard
James Beam

Second Row

Brenda Blalock
Anna Mae Bradshaw
Mitchel Buff
Rachel Champion
Ruth Cobb

Third Row

Betty Crouse
Grace Crouse
Carolyn Dellinger
Mary Virginia Dellinger
Bobby Douthit

Fourth Row

David Drum
Mary Ann Gilleland
Alice Jean Goodson
W. C. Harkey
Linda Henley

Fifth Row

Marie Herron
Myra Hicks
Janet Kelley
Bonnie Kennedy
Ruby Ann Little

Sixth Row

Joyce McConnell
Dorothy Newton
Delois Ostwalt
Dale Painter
Donald Perkins

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Jerry Perkins
Kay Perkins
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Rachel Potter

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Margaret Reel
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Aron Robinson
Ada Sherrill

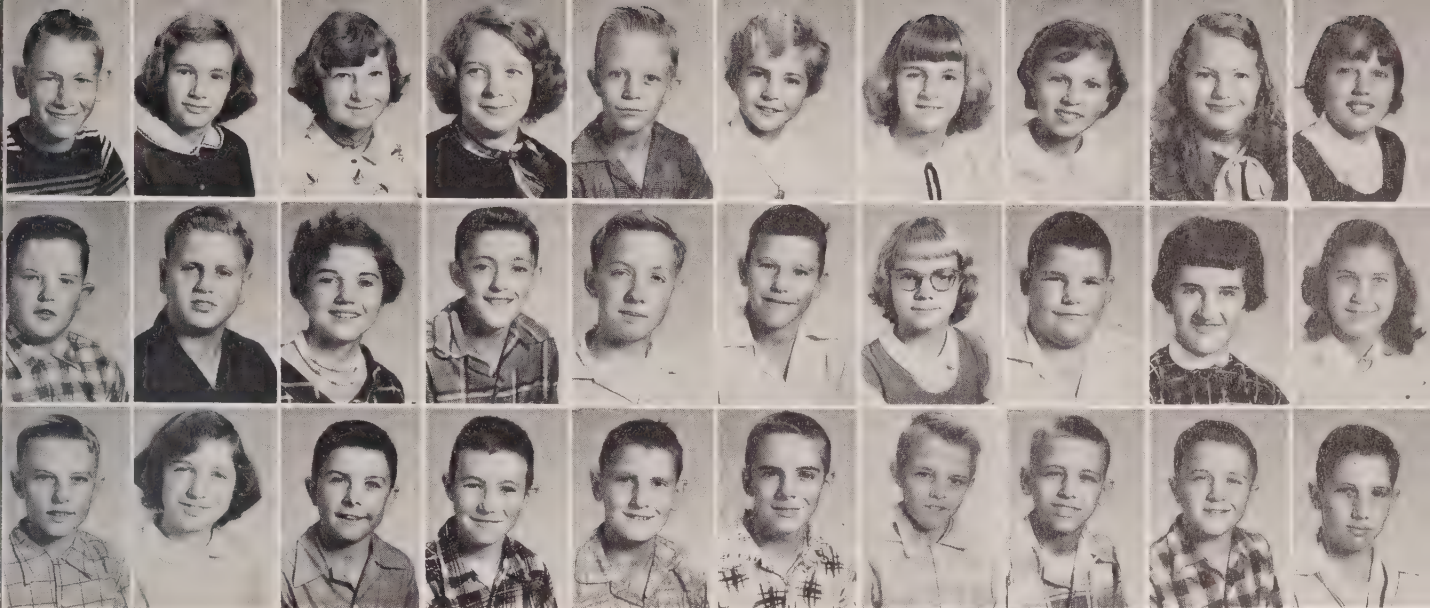
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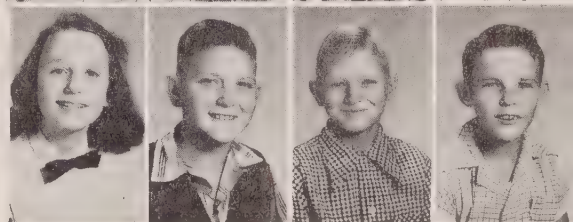


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Joseph St. Clair
Melvin Stroupe
Kenneth Whitener
Martha Wilkinson
Nancy Wilkinson



SIXTH GRADE



First Row

Dwight Avery
Billy Ballard
Jimmy Ballard

Second Row

Marilyn Ballard
Roger Ballard
Janice Blalock

Third Row

Doris Bolinger
Carolyn Caldwell
Bobby Cline

Fourth Row

Marie Crouse
H. C. Dellinger
Larry Dellinger

Fifth Row

Edward Douthit
Atwell Elder
Darrell Hager

Sixth Row

Sammie Haynes
Siles Henley
Harold Hoppers

Seventh Row

Frances Huss
Jill Lineberger
Roger Mathis
Janet Mundy

Eighth Row

Sylvia Perkins
Reginald Perkins
Charles Rainwater
Bobby Reel

Ninth Row

Lora Mae Rhinehardt
Martha Rhyne
Hugh Rudisill
Melvin Schronce

Tenth Row

Dianne Sherrill
Jo Shuford
David Smith
Harry Varner





FIFTH GRADE

First Row

Julia Avery
Jerry Ballard
Peggy Ballard
Terry Ballard

Second Row

Terry Barker
Linda Barkley
Robert Benfield
Spencer Caldwell

Third Row

Paul Callaway
Lester Cobb
Bobby Conard
Donna Cornelius
Sylvia Craig

Fourth Row

Sherron Crowder
Vera Belle Crouse
Denny Dellinger
Janice Dellinger
Steve Dellinger

Fifth Row

Anna Mae Douthit
Linda Gilleland
Jerry Goodson
Dennis Hager
Wayne Harkey

Sixth Row

Nyoka Herron
T. J. Hicks
Brenda Howard
Harold Howard, Jr.
Susan Howard

Seventh Row

Harold Deanne Little
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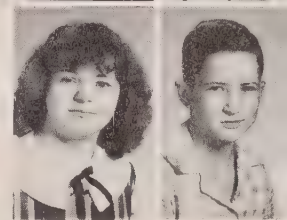
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Bill Riley
Henry Sherrill

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Joyce Schronce
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Jerry Story



FOURTH GRADE



First Row

Kay Abernathy
Elizabeth Ballard
Lorine Ballard
Ray Gene Barber

Second Row

Brenda Bean
Terry Brotherton
Martha Buff
Tommy Caldwell

Third Row

Dwight Callaway
Mary Elizabeth Craig
Margie Dehart
Carolyn Drum

Fourth Row

Paula Fisher
Donald Gilleland
Ruth Hager
Vickey Hastings

Fifth Row

Mary Lou Hilderbran
Jeanette Hoke
Linda Hood
Peggy Hoppers

Sixth Row

Tony Lawing
Wilbur Mayes
Alice Faye Newton
Terri Nixon

Seventh Row

Barbara Perkins
Peggy Perkins
Martha Poole
Joe Rhinehardt

Eighth Row

Eugene Rhoton
Judy Rick
Sybil Rudisill
Gary Saunders

Ninth Row

Linda Sue Sherrill
Sharon Sherrill
Sue Sherrill
Jane Shuford
Nellie Shuford

Tenth Row

Sandra Smith
Jeanne Walkup
Mary Alice Watts
Ishmael Wilkinson
Lawrence Wilkinson



THIRD GRADE

First Row

Buddy Abernathy
 Danny Abernathy
 Gary Alexander
 Bobby Avery

Second Row

Dennis Ballard
 Michael Ballard
 Dianne Bollinger
 Terry Crowder

Third Row

Eddie Crouse
 Stanley Dellinger
 Jack Douthit
 Barbara Duncan

Fourth Row

Linda Hager
 Gerald Henley
 Johnny Henley
 Ray Herron

Fifth Row

Rita Hicks
 Jimmy Jones
 Anne Keever
 Mickey Kelly

Sixth Row

Linda Little
 Tommy Little
 Gail Mathis
 Wayne Mayes

Seventh Row

J. W. McConnell
 Gary McGinnis
 Phillip Ostwalt
 Virgil Ostwalt
 Jane Painter

Eighth Row

Melvin Poole
 David Potter
 Jimmy Reel
 Patsy Reel
 Camilla Reinhardt

Ninth Row

Anna Richards
 Julian Rudisill
 Benny Sherrill
 Larry Sherrill
 Sandra Sherrill

Tenth Row

Sarah Shuford
 Kay Sigmon
 Calvin Smith
 Vickie Whitesides
 Vickie Wray Wilson





SECOND GRADE

First Row

Brenda Abernathy
Mary Virginia Abernathy
Ronnie Abernathy
Bruce Armstrong
Marcel Avery

Second Row

Alice Ballard
Carolyn Ballard
Douglas Ballard
Benny Barker
Linda Blaylock

Third Row

Marsha Banda
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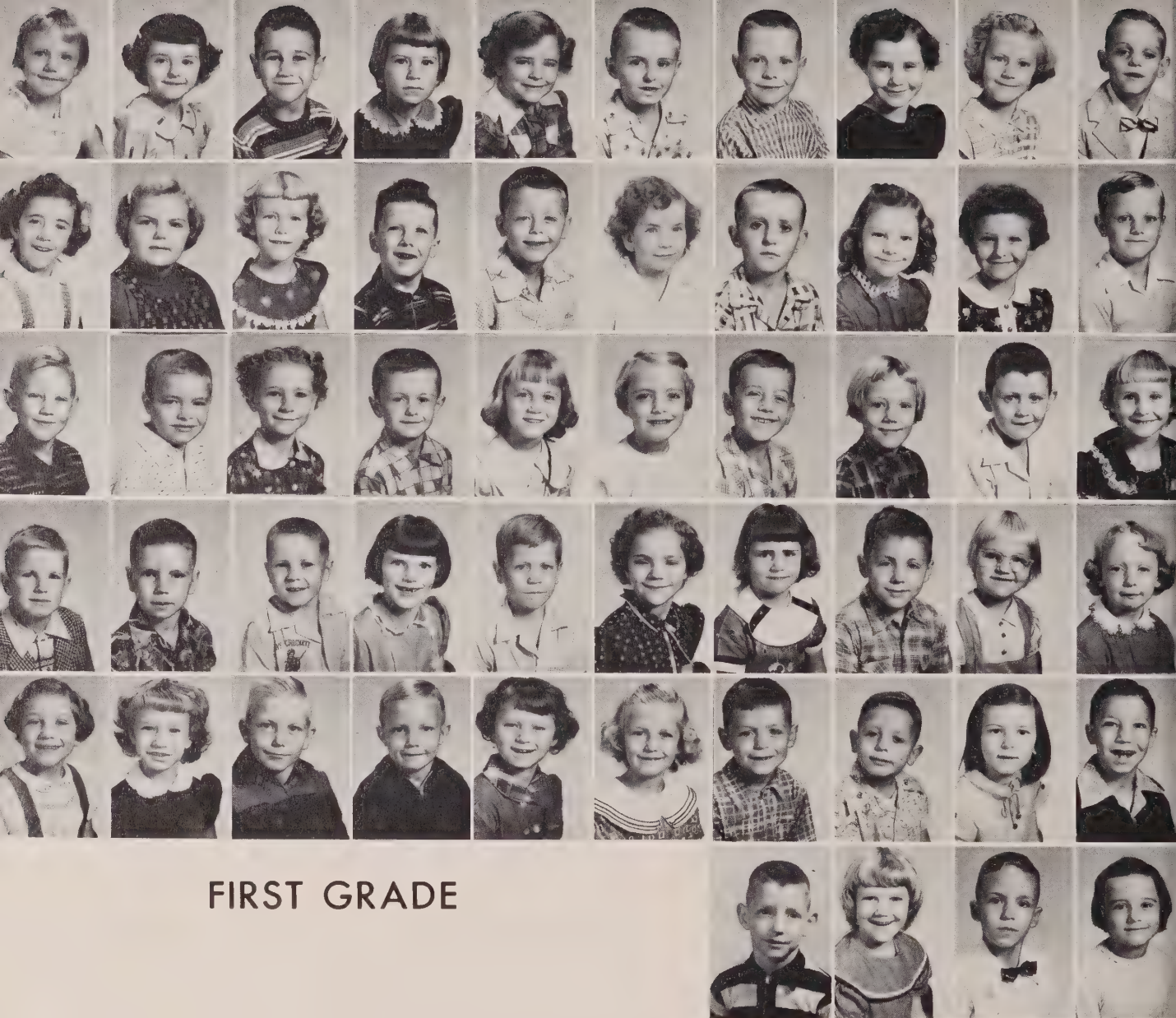
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FIRST GRADE

First Row

Jane Ballard
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Philip Ballard
Johnny Blaylock
Shirley Caldwell

Second Row

Brenda Carpenter
Donna Carpenter
Randy Cash
Barry Crouse
Yvonne Crouse

Third Row

Randy Crowder
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Pansy Drum
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Tony Goodson
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Diane Johnson

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Macie Ostwalt
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Richard Perkins
Ronald Perkins
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Tenth Row

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Judy Sherrill
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We hope that the Rock Springs gymnasium has developed sportsmanship and leadership in its occupants.

May the players follow the good traits to the making of better citizens.



Athletics



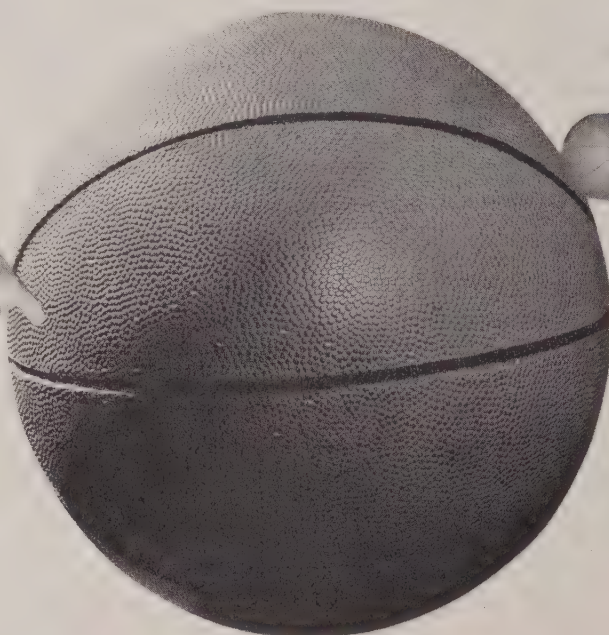
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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

For the past three years Rock Springs has produced some of the best girls' teams the school has ever had. Coached by Mr. W. E. Carter, the team finished last season as runners-up in both the Little Ten Conference And Tournament. With that team consisting mostly of seniors this year's team is making a much better showing than was expected.

The student body would like to congratulate all the girls who have represented Rock Springs so well and hopes that in the future improvement will remain their goal.



First Row: Anne Hager, Co-Captain; W. E. Carter, Coach; Sue Haynes, Co-Captain. Second Row: Janice Perkins, Manager; Emily Hager, Millie Dellinger, Emily Loftin, Brenda Schronce, Phyllis Primm, Donnie Nixon, Billie Mae Brotherton, Sue Frances Ballard, Marcene Abernethy, Evelyn Poole, Jean Douthit, Hazeleen Abernethy, Joyce Varner, Manager



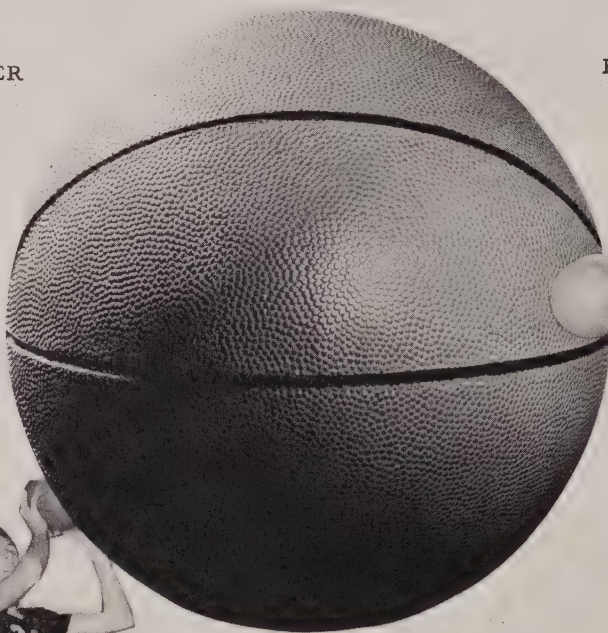
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Co-Captain



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DONALD RUDISILL

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Here is a boys' team of which any school would be proud. Rock Springs, for the past four years, had had the best boys' teams in the history of the school. Within those four years, the boys have captured many honors, such as Little Ten Conference and Tournament Champions and Valdese Gold Medal Runners-Up. Many of its players have been placed on All-Conference and All-Tournament teams.

The student body is more than proud of these teams that have done such magnificent jobs and is confident that this year will find our team conference champions again.

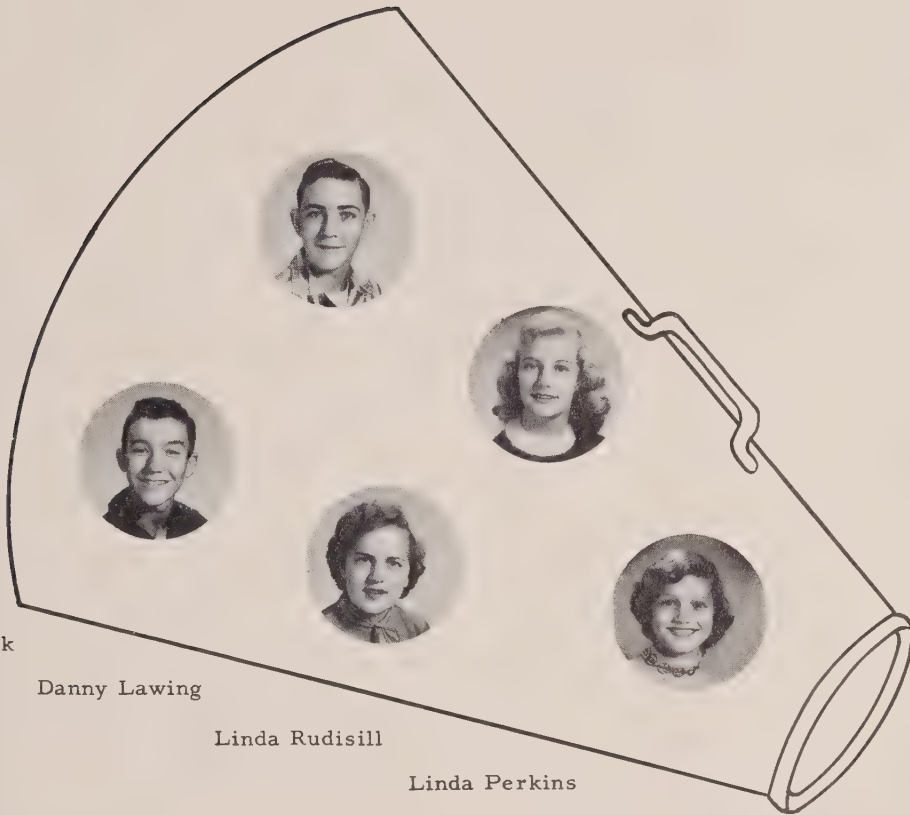


First Row: Elliott Potts, Co-Captain; Mr. Carter, Coach; Jerry Barkley, Co-Captain. Second Row: Eugene Henley, Jerry Hicks, Fred Rainwater, Jerry Sigmon, R. C. Dellinger, Donald Rudisill, Jackie Thompson, Tony Cloninger, Jerry Dellinger, Rodney Wilkinson, Columbus Rainwater, Manager.



BASEBALL

First Row: Elliott Potts, Jerry Barkley, Larry Kelly, Tony Cloninger. Second Row: Jerry Dellinger, Jerry Hicks, Rodney Wilkinson. Third Row: Jackie Thompson, Eugene Henley, Donald Rudisill, R. C. Dellinger. Fourth Row: W. E. Carter, Coach; Freddie Dellinger, David Nixon, Ralph Sifford.



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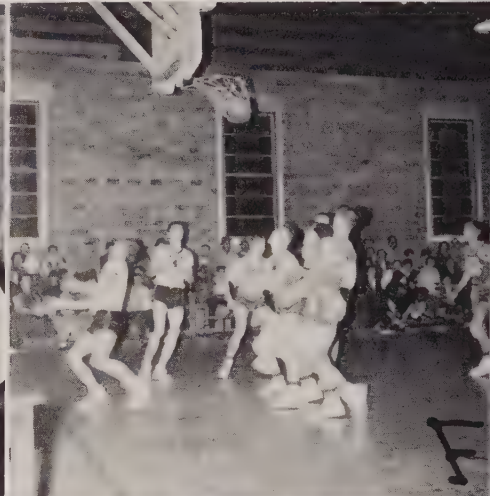
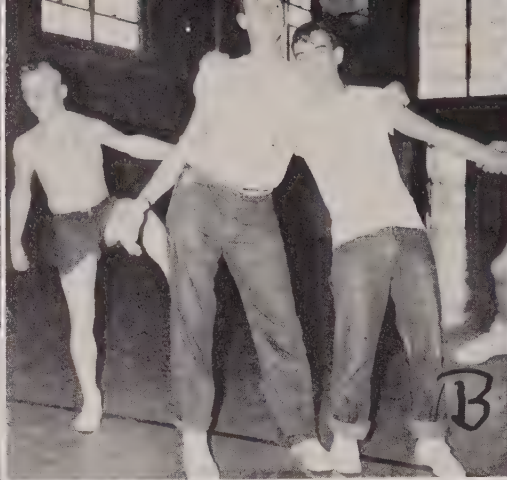
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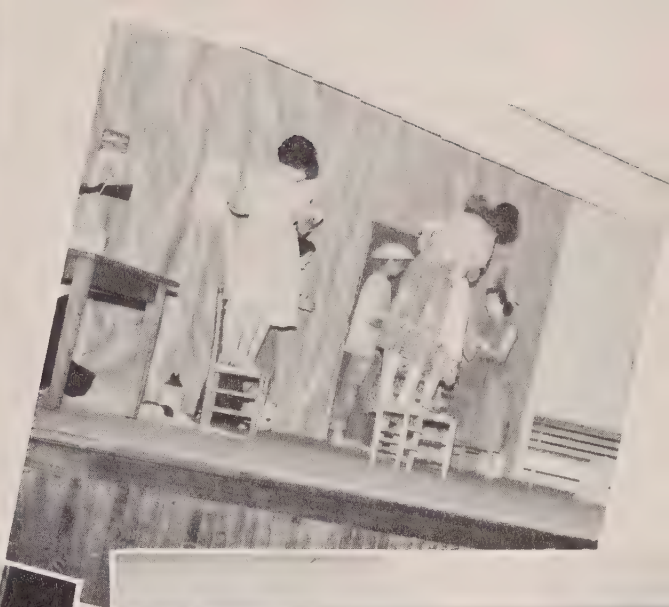
Chief Cheerleader
Jean Abernathy



A 'aw-u-w--'
B 'crooked refs!'
C 'added an extra???'

D 'lovely hula hands--'
E 'what happened to Linda??'
F 'Two points!!'

G 'AGE before BEAUTY!!'
H 'Exquisite'
I 'our team, OUR TEAM???'



The activities of our school make up a large part of our school life. They develop in us traits of leadership and a deeper sense of responsibility.

We are grateful to everyone who made our clubs and organizations possible. We appreciate the opportunity we have had to take part in any school activity.



Activities



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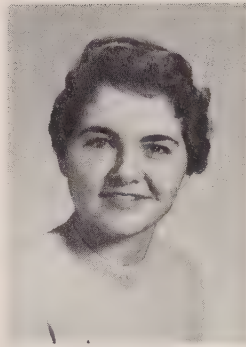
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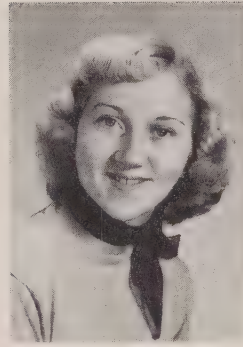




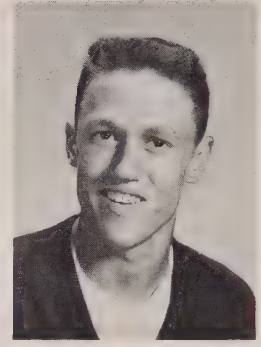
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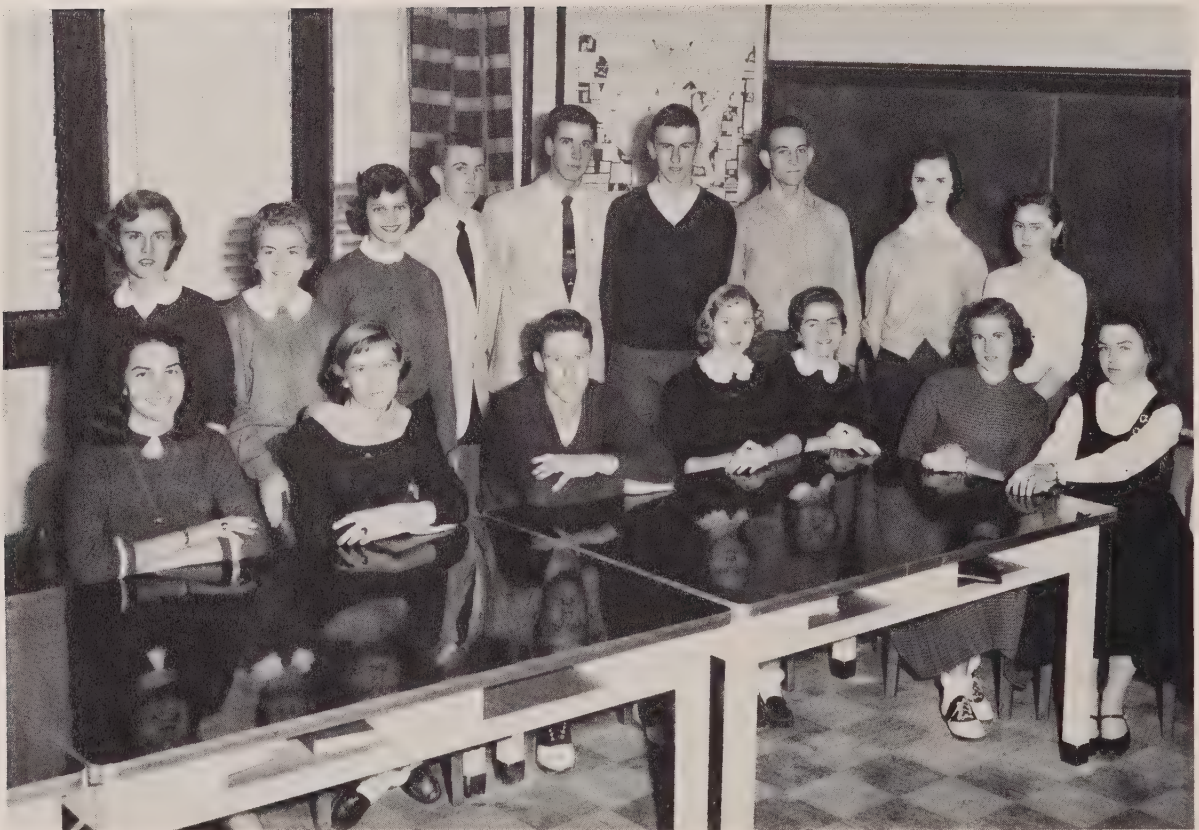


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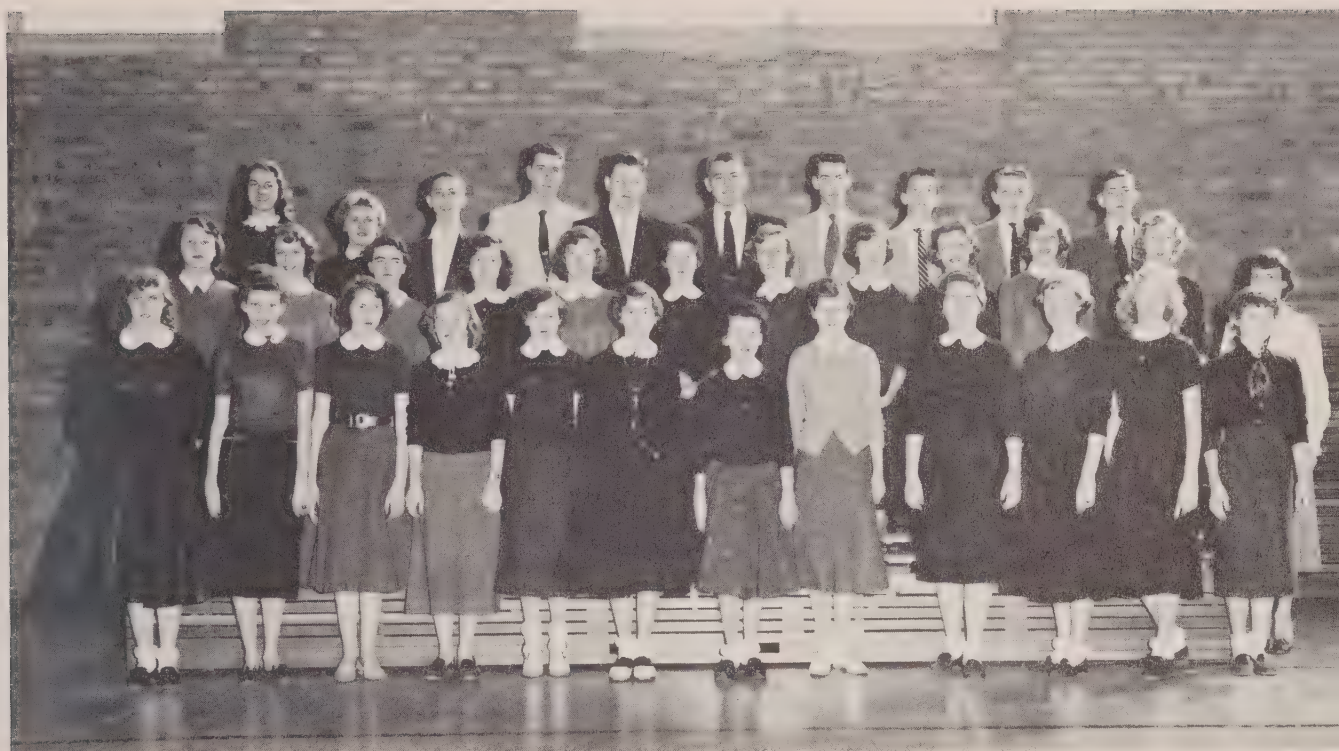




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RIPPLE STAFF





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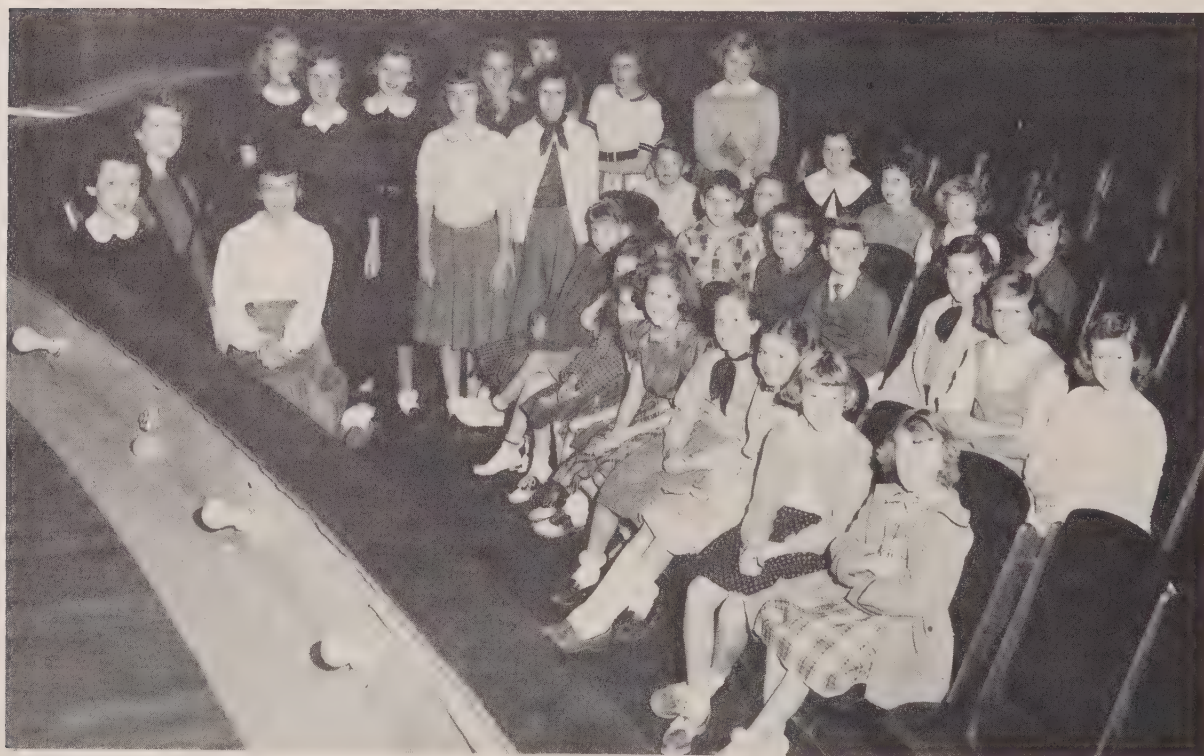
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TOY ORCHESTRA

PIANO STUDENTS





DRIVER EDUCATION

BUS DRIVERS





FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA





BAND



'Well, wouldn't you be happy??'

'See what milk will do to you??'

'Bumped into an old friend last night.'

'Ugh, beans again!!!'

'Um-m-m-m!!'

'Ah, please don't make me go
all the way to the back.'

'Bur-r-r-p!'

'Senior Dignity!!'

'The Burlap sisters, four bags.'



At our banquets, parties, festivals, and parades, we have had a taste of social life. May we always remember these happy occasions.



Features



Miss Rock Springs

ANNE HAGER

F. F. A. - F. H. A.

KING AND QUEEN

BRENDA SHERRILL

BOBBY CLARK



HIGH SCHOOL

FALL FESTIVAL

KING AND QUEEN

EMILY HAGER

JERRY BARKLEY

PRIMARY FALL FESTIVAL

KING AND QUEEN

Linda Little
Tony Sherrill



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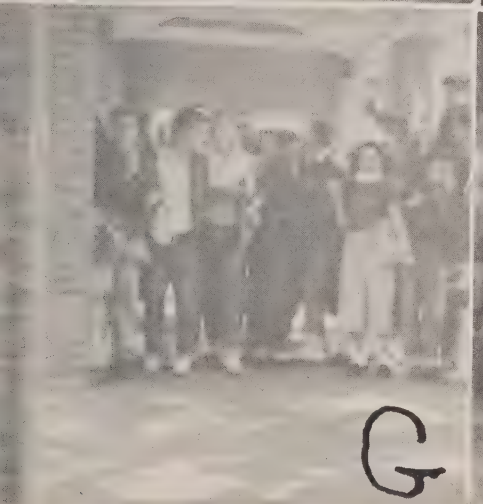
KING AND QUEEN

Mary Virginia Dellinger
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Wanda Lawing



A a wedding???

B Dear, DEAR, John ---

C getting ready to--Go! Go! Go!!

D Going STEADY!!

E So Pretty! (and smart, too)

F We didn't do nothing, er ANYTHING--

G You-all gonna make a picture of little ole us???

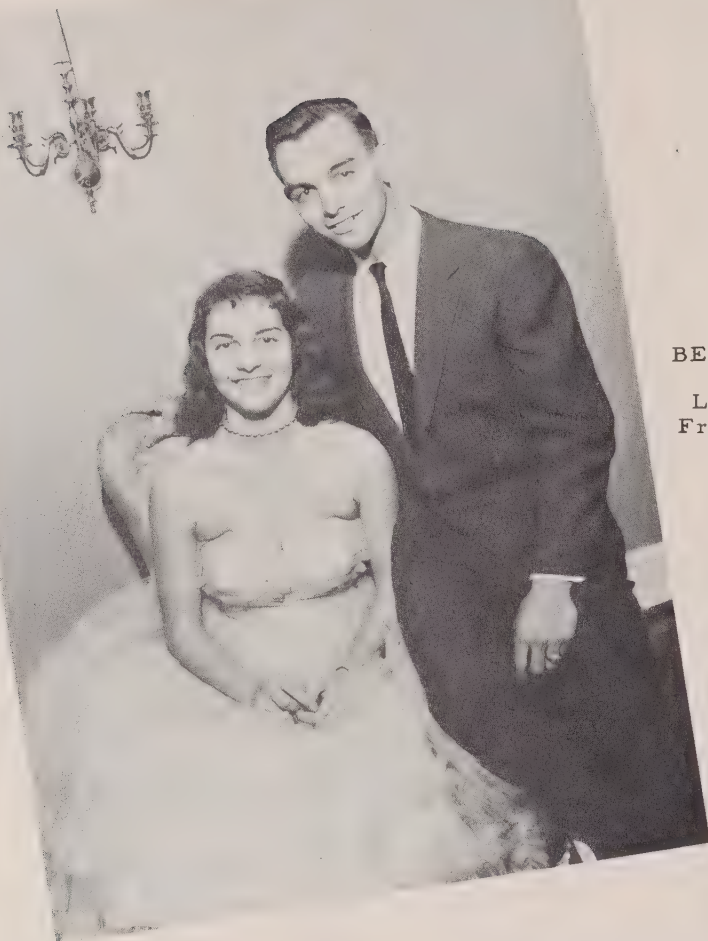
H Look who's laughing now!!

I Rock Springs' SPRING!!!

SENIOR

BEST LOOKING

Loretta Little
Fred Rainwater



MOST AMBITIOUS

Joann Barber
John David Grice

MOST POPULAR

Marcene Abernethy
Jerry Barkley



SUPERLATIVES

FRIENDLIEST

Nellie Wilkinson
Jerry Dellinger



BEST ALL AROUND

Shelby Lineberger
Elliott Potts

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Billie Mae Grice
Richard Keever



SENIOR

MOST TALENTED

Jane Reep
Jimmy Sifford



MOST STUDIOUS

Marcene Abernethy
Pete Hager

WITTIEST

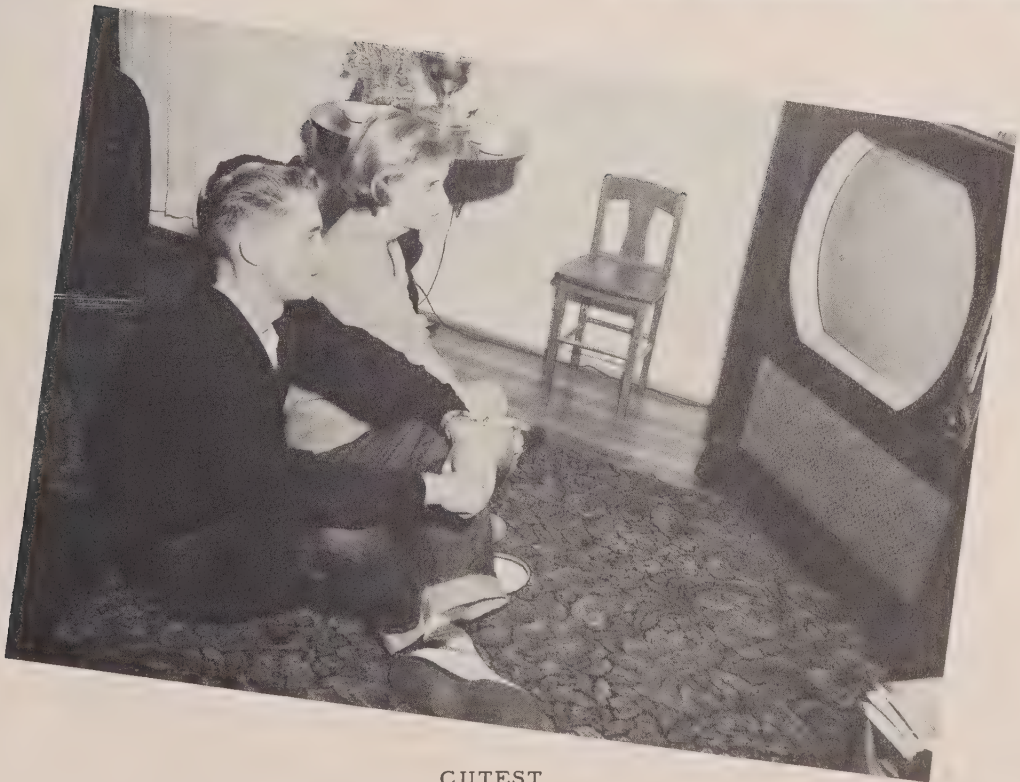
Marcie Varner
Herbert Loftin



SUPERLATIVES

MOST ATHLETIC

Anne Hager
Elliott Potts



CUTEST

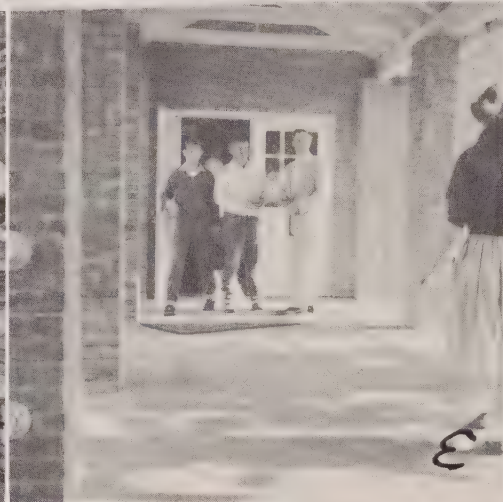
Jean Abernathy
Larry Ballard



A



B



G



A 'red velvet'

B 'how'd you rate that smile!'

C 'MOTHERS????'

D 'Cool Keed!!'

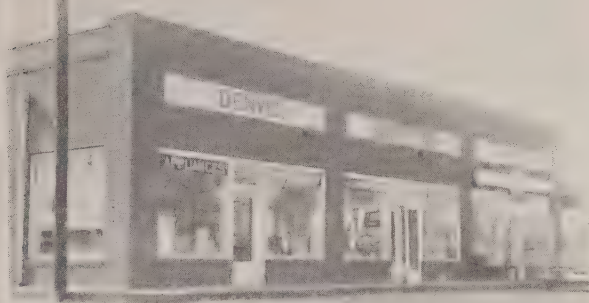
E 'I be dog, wrong one!'

F 'snake lodge??'

G 'want we should teach you how to twirl??'

H 'QUEENS, of what??'

I 'Marlon Brando, Marilyn Monroe????'



Many thanks to our friends who have their place of business listed on the following pages. They have helped to lighten the financial side of this edition of The Rosphian. May they have a prosperous and happy year.

No doubt there are many other friends who would have had their names on the pages if we had found time to have called upon them.



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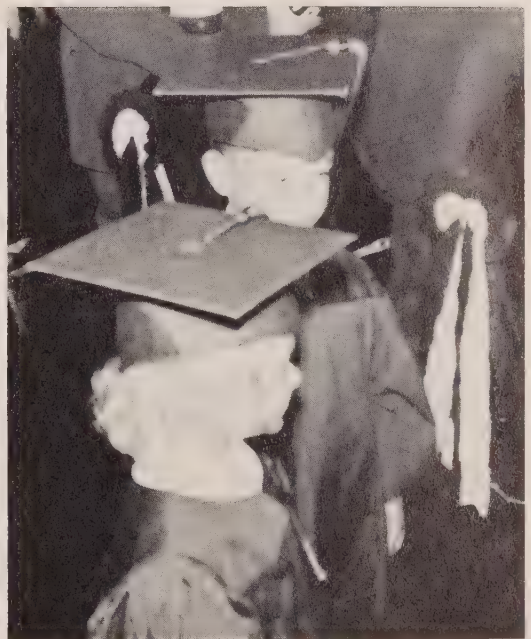
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